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SUBJECT: ALLEGED RADIO VATICAN TRANSMISSION ON U.S. EMISSARY TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: BRASILIA 0746

1. AT OUR REQUEST, DIRECTOR OF RADIO VATICAN CHECKED WITH SUB-ORDINATES RESPONSIBLE FOR LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAMMING AND BROAD-CASTS TO BRAZIL WITH RESULT THAT NO RECORD FOUND OF ANY RADIO VATICAN TRANSMISSION WHICH MIGHT HAVE SERVED AS BASIS FOR STORY PICKED UP BY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "CRITICA". THE DIRECTOR ASSURED US THAT HE ABSOLUTELY SURE NO SUCH STORY EMANATED FROM RADIO VATICAN.

2. RADIO VATICAN DIRECTOR ASKED IF WE COULD OBTAIN FOR HIM FULL TEXT OF "CRITICA" STORY. HE MENTIONED A DESIRE TO MAKE A DENIAL AT LEAST IN BRAZIL.

3. COUNSELOR OF BRAZILIAN EMBASSY TO HOLY SEE TOLD US JAN. 29 HE HAD RECEIVED SKETCHY REPORT ABOUT "JORNAL DO BRASIL" COVERAGE. HE WAS UNAWARE OF "CRITICA" STORY AND, IN FACT, KNEW NOTHING ABOUT PUBLICATION ITSELF.

4. COMMENT: SINCE RADIO VATICAN POLICY STRICTLY AVOIDS BROAD-CASTING UNCONFIRMED, TENDENTIOUS OR INFLAMMATORY MATERIAL, WE
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SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT SUCH A STORY WOULD HAVE APPEARED IN THEIR

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TRANSMISSIONS, AND THEREFORE FEEL THAT RESULTS OF DIRECTOR'S
INQUIRIES PROBABLY WELL FOUNDED. VOLPE

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